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**Free Conference for Tutus Raising Keiki on Kauai**  
***Na Keiki Aloha O Na 'Ohana Scheduled for Sept. 15, 2005***

Kupuna raising keiki are invited to a free conference to learn about community resources that can help them. The conference, titled "Na Keiki Aloha O Na 'Ohana," will be held at Kauai War Memorial Convention Hall on September 15 from 8:30 to 1:30 p.m. Sponsors include the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center, AARP Hawaii, Child and Family Services, Agency on Elderly Affairs, and ALU LIKE INC.

"Hawaii has over 14,000 grandparents serving as primary caregivers for grandchildren," said Kaui Castillo, director of Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center. "Those of us living on Kauai know that many of these grandparents are our friends and neighbors, and we wanted to figure out a way to help them."

The resulting event, which is free to all kupuna raising keiki, will kick off with a panel of grandparents raising grandchildren, who will talk about their challenges and how they deal with them. The conference will feature sessions on *Coping with Substance Abuse*, *Using Humor to Survive and Thrive*, and *Legal Issues for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. A resource fair of local service providers will be held on site throughout the conference to allow attendees to ask questions and connect with services that can help them.

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"AARP research shows that many grandparent caregivers do not know about services or programs that are available to them," said Jackie McCarter, associate state director of AARP Hawaii. "We know that there are not a lot of services available to grandparents on Kauai. This conference is a first step in linking tutus with services and support that can help them in their situation—as well as help us identify which services are missing on Kauai."

For more information, or to register for this event, contact the Queen Liliuokalani Children's Center at 245-1873.

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